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In re application of: **Hikaru SAKAMOTO et al.**

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LEAD-ACID BATTERY, AND JIG FOR
PRODUCING LEAD-ACID BATTERY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 25 and ending at page 18, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 4 and 5 show an embodiment of the present invention applied to a lead-acid battery of a type provided with a tab terminal member is prepared separately and welded to the lead bushing to be led out sideways. Fig.4 is a side view thereof with the same part portion cut away as that in Fig.1, and Fig.5 is a top view of a lid.--